Depot Town Rag

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Meetings in the Old Caboose

Association, Thurs.,17th, 7:30 P.M.
Foundation, Thurs., 24th, 8:00 P.M.

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OVERLOOKED FESTIVAL WORKERS

The papers have been full of official 'thank-yous' for work done on the Heritage Festival lately. The planners of "Historic Toilet Town" got their due. So did the 'Hooker Youth' and all those chairs of committees that met at the Chamber offices every Thursday afternoon.

Such recognition is bound to leave out someone – but can you imagine taking for granted at least one thousand festival workers? Local folks like to think THEY put on the Festival, but most of the exhibitors and performers aren't from Ypsilanti at all, but just come in to put on a great show for the rest of us: tourists and bueaucrats, alike!

- Linda French says she could not have mounted that gorgeous quilt show in the Freight House without the expertise of Gloria Bloom and Erin Kinzinger.

- Mike Burns' computer timing devises for The Great Train Race make it one of the slickest events in the business.

- Phyllis Kaspar brought her family here for the Early Engine Expo and they'll show their 'iron' at the Fall Fest, too. Son Kelly played with the Franzen Bros/' Circus band one day and mom wrote "We sure like the way you people in Ypsilanti do things?"

We like the way all those other folks do things in Ypsilanti – too!

THE NICE LADY COMMITTEE

Thanks, also, to Judy Andrews, Betty Wood and Estella Sutherland for hosting the engine exhibitors during their Heritage Festival expo. Their ministrations to our guests made them feel most welcome. Certainly we all act as hosts during Heritage Fest, but when folks from outside the community come in to help us put on an event, it seems we ought to give them some special attention and gratitude.

IS DEPOT TOWN THE NEW DOWNTOWN?

Eastern Michigan University may be expanding its campus to inclue a large portion of now-taxable downtown property in order to form a 'bridge' to their soon-to-be developed center south of town. If the experience of towns like Pontiac, Highland Park, Flint and Jackson manifests itself here, we will see the downtown become strictly a service center.

Perhaps today's central business district will become the new campus town with bookstores and fast food shops for transient students. A faculty bar may develop according to tradition. If that is the case, any semblance of community is drastically altered from previously recognizable modes.

Depot Town, with its 19th century commercial style and interesting shops, cafes, and saloons might then be perceived as a quaint, little anachronism, and mistakenly taken for the original downtown district for coming generations.

We hope CBCers can see this role switch and know that their decisions today will determine who and what they plan to be tomorrow.

C.S.B. CREDITED

With Homage To The Past - In The Art of Today - For Joy Tommorrow

So reads the final dedicatory plaque on the New Cross Street Bridge giving credit to Denis Schmiedeke, the architect who donated his talents for the design of the structure. The bronze plaque is mounted on the north rail at the east end of the handsome edifice and repeats the shape of the same arch openings of this neighborhood's Italianate windows that were echoed in the concrete arches of the bridge.

Whether it was an oversight or just plain meanness, Schmiedeke's credit was left off the first plaque which was installed by the contractors and gave credits to the engineering firm, the City Council and everyone else connected with its construction. The third plaque on the bridge is from the previous structure and will, no doubt, continue to bamboozle future historians.

EARLY ENGINE EXPO TO RETURN

In the midst of their first exhibition at August's Heritage Festival, several of the early gas and steam engine exhibitors read the September RAG and asked if their "iron" would be welcome at the October 5th Fall Fair. "You bet," said Market Manager Gary Urich – and that set the antique engine restorers to planning another mechanical event for Depot Town.

Watch for their animated display in the former team track area just north of the Old Caboose. Look for everything from washing machine motors to grinders and a buzz saw at the Farmers' Market Fall Fair on October 5th.

A DEPOT TOWN HALLOWE'EN PARTY FOR THE KIDS ! ! !

(parents must accompany their children)

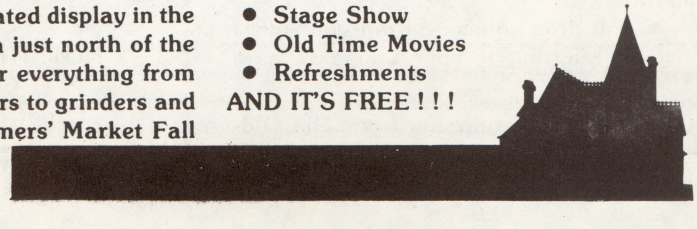
Thursday, October 31st.

5 P.M. - Costume parade. Judges will be in the Depot town shops and stores.

6 P.M. - Games and activities in the Freight House.

- Grand March
- Fortune-telling
- Bobbing for apples
- Stage Show
- Old Time Movies
- Refreshments

AND IT'S FREE ! ! !



YOU KNOW YOU'VE GOT AN OLD HOUSE WHEN...

by Patrick Kee, Ida Grove, Iowa

- the living room light dims whenever you run the Dust Buster.
- you get personal Christmas cards from natural gas company executives you don't even know.
- everyone in town insists "that isn't the color the house used to be" – but no one remembers for sure what color it was.
- a 4-ft. step ladder is useless to you.
- a 6-ft. Christmas tree is 'just too small.'
- the only man who knew where your city water shut-off is died in 1919.
- your change dish includes plaster washers, finish nails, and a radiator key.
- the local lumber yard can supply only one out of every ten items you want.
- once or twice a year, when you're walking down that long upstairs hall, you feel like someone is behind you – but you never, ever turn around to look.
- you get more evening phone calls from siding salesmen than from your mother.
- you walk four blocks in the dead of winter because you refuse to use the parking lot 'they' tore down the old courthouse to build.
- you'd rather read a paint-chip chart than the sports section.
- you think one of these days a loose attic floorboard will yeild Old Man Smith's unbanked hoard of gold coins AND the original blueprint of the house.
- you start writing notes to future owners and hiding them behind the wainscotting and mop boards.
- the terms 'warmth' and 'patina' replace 'worn out' and 'dirty.'
- you're willing to ruin your vision needlepointing uphostery for a footstool you could crush with one good squeeze.
- you feel there's nothing amusing or quaint about the wardrobe of Sherlock and Dr. Watson.
- people are talking about 'tennis elbow'or 'Army arches,' and you want to tell them about 'scraper knuckle' and 'rung foot.'
- you drop someone from your guest list for referring to your Bungalow as a Victorian.

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Wouldn't it be fun to run

A CUTE LITTLE SHOP IN DEPOT TOWN ?

That "cuteness" soon pales and you're stuck with a long-term and costly responsibility. If you aren't prepared for it, the charm can wear off quickly. Actually, it's just about as much fun as having a baby !

Let's take a look at the actual cost of such a venture – and some suggestions of some local business people for folks who are thinking about making just such a move.

Here is their check list for would-be entrepreneurs:

LEGAL:
- City of Ypsilanti
  - License
  - Code enforcement
  - Building Permits
  - Certificate of Occupancy
  - Annual property tax assessment
- Washtenaw County
  - DBA (doing business as. . .)
  - Health Department
- State of Michigan
  - Sales Tax License
  - Reports and reimbursements

RENT OR OWN:
- $350 -$800 monthly rent
- First & last month rents + deposit
- Facade, insulation, rehab loans
- Start-up costs
- Interior remodeling

ADVERTISING:
- Billboards - $5, $10, $25 a month
- DEPOT TOWN RAG - $9 a month.
- Broader coverage in
  - YPSILANTI PRESS
  - ANN ARBOR NEWS
  - ANN ARBOR OBSERVER
  - YPSI GUIDE
  - OBSERVER papers
  - EASTERN ECHO
  - TRI-STATE TRADER
  - YELLOW PAGES
- Printed circulars and flyers

UTILITY DEPOSITS:
- Gas
- Electric
- Water/sewer
- Telephone

ORGANIZATIONS:
- DTA dues - $25 annually
- Chamber of Commerce annual dues
- Heritage Alliance $25 - $300
- Professional affiliations

MOM AND POP ENTERPRISES:
- Cancel vacations for next 10 years
- No salary for at least two years

UP-KEEP EXPENSES:
- Window washing
- Trash pick-up
- Sweeping and shoveling sidewalks
- Regular window displays
- Cards, books, invoices
- Other business formats

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:
- Programs, ads, prizes
- Cash contributions

We're sure seasoned business people in the block can add many more items to this list, but if the preceding has caused you to be interested enough to start jotting down some figures, you're probably already hooked on the idea. If not, just bring your check book with you when you're in the neighborhood and we'll see what we can work out.

We invite you to stop by The Old Caboose, 400 Market Place at eight 'clock p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month for a meeting of the Historic Depot Town Foundation – where a group of building owners and business managers will give you the benefit of their experience in the neighborhood.

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CLOSED THURSDAY'S

UNIQUE TOUR

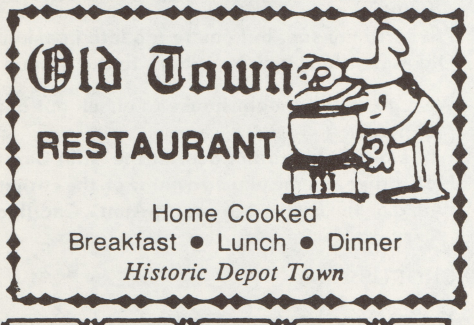
What does a Depot Town business do for Heritage Festival when they don't have a handy product to sell ? Hansen's Standard Printing invented a unique concept – they announced a "demonstration of antique printing techniques" during the first two days of Festival and signed up three groups of twenty-five each for Sunday afternoon tours. Virtually all of the sign-ups were show-ups and they saw everything from vintage hand-operated presses to the computerized production of THE DEPOT TOWN RAG.

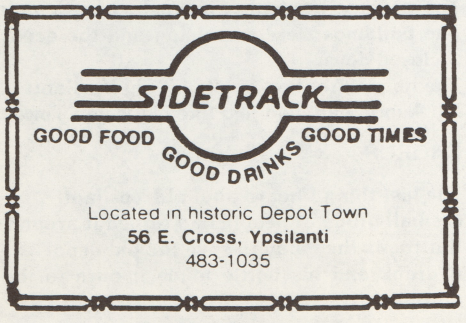
Sometimes a service-oriented business feels left out of the Festival fever, but Hansens certainly capitalized on the interest of our many local supporters.

Perhaps our clientele would like to see the processes of furniture refinishing, picture framing, car painting and sculpture building ? The back doors of Depot Town establishments offer such views with great regularity. Why not institutionalize it ?

ARTRAIN PREPARATIONS

David C. Powell, Conrail's Supervisor of Real Estate, met with D.T.A. officers in September to discuss the possibility of $3 per-foot winter storage for the Michigan Artrain in Ypsilanti. Get more details at the next D.T.A. meeting.





D.T.A. OFFICERS ELECTED at September's Annual Meeting

Gary McKeever, Pres.	483-4256
Jerry Meadows, V. Pres.	485-2218
Tom Dodd, Sec.	483-6371
Eric Ward, Treas.	483-7745

BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONTINUES:

Jerry French	483-1870
Beverly Shankwiler	485-2747
Carolyn McKeever	483-4256
Rex Richie	484-1510

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PROGRAM (Quarterly Meetings)
Sally Richie 484-1510

HOUSE (Caboose maintenance & rental)
Gary McKeever 483-4256

PUBLIC RELATIONS (Publications)
Tom Dodd 482-6371

BUDGET & EVENTS
Carolyn McKeever 483 4256

W.C.A. ANNOUNCES "ANNUAL ANNIES"

The Washtenaw Council for the Arts will hold its first annual "Annies Awards" at the Ann Arbor Inn on Sunday, October 20 to honor individual and group contributions to the lively arts in Washtenaw county. Tickets are available from both Carolyn McKeever and Tom Dodd who serve on the WCA board.

The Depot Town Association, The Ypsilanti Players, The Ypsilanti Area Dancers, Ypsilanti Community Band and Chorus are some of the Ypsilanti arts groups who are members of W.C.A.

Jim MacDonald's Antiques

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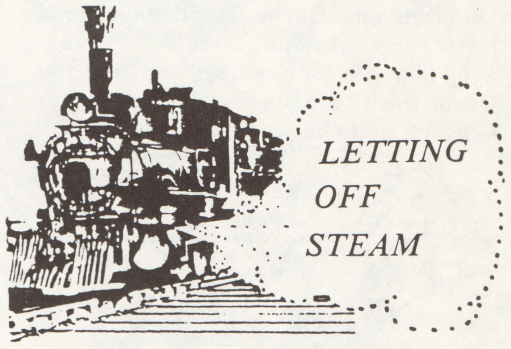
ADVERTISING in The Depot Town Rag is available to business enterprises from the environs of Depot Town (only) at the rate of nine dollars per month. Changes in copy may be made each month if desired, with new copy due on the third Thursday at the Caboose. Camera ready art may be included and may take a few days longer to set up. 1500 copies are distributed, free, throughout the area, while most are picked up in the block. The back page (Ragtime) features additional copy related to Depot Town businesses whether they are paid advertisers, or not. The cost of printing THE RAG is entirely supported by our advertisers.

"YPSILANTI: Where Mottos Are A Thing Of The Past" is the suggestion of City Councilmember John Van Bolt. And Harry Orschelin of the YPSILANTI PRESS has offered up "Ypsilanti - Where Washtenaw and Michigan Avenue Almost Meet." Why not take a crack at coining a motto for the City, yourself? We'll print it in THE RAG'S "Letting Off Steam" column.



Concerning the Shadow Project:

I was appalled when I first saw the shadows painted on the sidewalks of Depot Town. I thought it to be in pretty poor taste. "Who did this?" I wondered, "And why haven't I been notified?! I sure hope this kind of paint will wash off easily!" Other folks were also taking notice of the grotesque figures at our feet. Some had no opinion, and some were very angry. For me it put a damper on an otherwise gorgeous day. We didn't need to be reminded that this was the 40th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima. After all, there were other anniversaries and the president's nose to be concerned with!

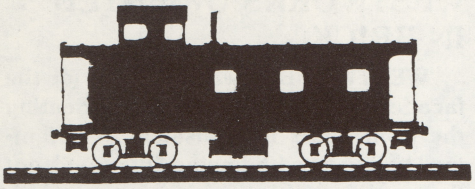
If not for an experience that I had later that afternoon, this would be the end of my letter. But as I strolled through the area of the missing building next to Doug Dalton's Auction House, an eerie chill passed through me. Then I heard the words "—in an instant, 50,000 people were dead. There was no noise at the center; only the burning of the brightest light ever to shine upon the earth and burn the hearts of humankind." It was then that I realized that these weren't the victims of Hiroshima scattered about the pavement. They were all of my friends and everything about this world that I love.

Robert L. Fox

REPRINTING OF DIRECTORY/BROCHURE

The cost is $15 per hundred and will be done when orders warrant the run of the press. Make your request through the Old Caboose. The first edition was made possible by the D.T.A.

ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE OLD CABOOSE: The Caboose Brochure, which gives its history and rental information. Pick up free copies at the next meeting.



DTA 15 AUGUST 1985

Called to order at 7:00 P.M. Alex Suczek took notes for the absent secretary. Minutes approved with correction: that HDTF and Prof. Malarkey donated the use of a player piano to the neighborhood.

Treasurer's report read and accepted.

OCTOBER FARM FEST: Gary Urick reported on the October 5th event: Same weekend as Apple Harvest, which will not be held this year. Try to strengthen the October market. Activities include pony rides, farm animal show & tell, soap making, honey and bee keeping, flour mill, organic garlic raiser, craft demonstrations. Also home made ice cream, cider barrel, strudel demonstration, apple use demonstration, taffy pull, the Detroit story tellers league, a folk sing for kids and natural crafts.

It was moved and approved to donate $50 support to the October Farm Fest.

FESTIVAL: There will be a "name" jazz band each day. Barb Lohr is running the beer bar. There will be umbrella tables in the outdoor area. A new festival office will be located behind the old town hall by the carriage house. Other details include armed guards all night, antique autos, horse & wagon rides, the parade may come through Depot town, Insurance is o.k., Circus, steam engines, ponies, RR exhibit and movies in Freight House and the merchant's brochure will be ready for distribution at the Festival.

GREAT TRAIN RACE: 5th annual, cosponsored by LITE beer with $1000 contribution. Moved and approved to co-sponsor race w/Gary McKeever chairman.

RAG REPORT: Depot Exchange, Old Town and Sidetrack are advertising again. Next issue will feature and announce the October Farm Fest.

ARTRAIN: Seeking a new winter home. Letter to T. Dodd from Conrail was opened and read by acting secretary.

FOUNDATION: Marybelle Suczek reported next meeting will be August 29, not the 22nd as reported in The Rag.

Also from last Foundation meeting:
1. To distribute forms at participating merchants for prospective tenants to register their interest in renting space in Depot Town. Motion made and approved.

2. That DTA endorse a project to locate signage that would direct traffic to Depot town and identify the district so people would know that we're here, and to provide funding to help erect signs. Motion made and approved.

BOOMER DAYS: Bonni reported and delivered a surplus of $211.24 to the treasurer.

QUARTERLY MEETING: Sunday, September 22. Agenda will include the election, a 15 minute slide show on signage and a hot dog roast with beer out of doors.

NOMINATIONS:

President:	Gary McKeever (inc)
Vice Pres:	Gerry Meadows
Secretary:	Tom Dodd (inc)
Treasurer:	Eric Ward (inc)

HELP WANTED: Barb Lohr reguested people to volunteer for open times at the Heritage Festival beer tent.

BEST YET AWARDS: 1 Jointly to Rex Richie for the marvelous job as beer tent chairman, and to Barb Lohr for taking the job this time. 2. To the Ypsilanti Shadow Project.

GOLDEN GOOSE AWARD: to the motorcyclists who roar through Depot Town at 2 a.m.

ADJOURNED: 9:30 P.M.

D.T.A. 19 SEPTEMBER 1985

Minutes by Alex Suczek were read and approved. Treasury shows a total of $8457.89, with $5307.19 in the General fund, $948.28 in the Rag, $1571.74 in Jazz, $730.68 in Special Events, $498.00 in Caboose, $138.33 for the Halloween Party, $407.12 Billboard, $201.47 Boomer Days. Correspondence was read and distributed.

RAG REPORT: Costs of making copies will no longer be placed on the Rag Account.

BROCHURE: No orders for new copies at $15 per hundred have been received yet.

ENGINE EXPO: Five Festival exhibitors will return for the Fall Festival. DTA will take them to lunch at the Old Town.

JAZZ: Heritage Competition saw DTA and WEMU split a $40 profit. Winter Series is set for January, February and March. Special thanks to Barbara Lohr and all her helpers for operating the beer tent. Ray Paponetti will cater the Winter Series.

QUARTERLY MEETING: Sunday, September 22 will include slide shows, cooking out and the annual election. No one has yet responded to the R.S.V.P. invitations. Thanks to Carolyn for making and them distributing, anyway.

CABOOSE REPAIRS are underway by Van Mertz. $500 has already been approved for materials and another $500 was approved for labor. Gary McKeever will take care of permits with the City.

CHOO CHOO DECALS: will be ordered for "participating merchants" at a $120 minimum.

HALLOWEEN PARTY for kids: Poster-Carolyn, Games - Meadows, Refreshments - Dodd. Bonni will contact the EMU storytellers. Costumes will be judged on the street in front of shops. Party will follow in Freight House for children accompanied by parents.

BILLBOARD expenses are catching up with the initial $1000 start-up cost. Bonni suggests looking into other group ad media.

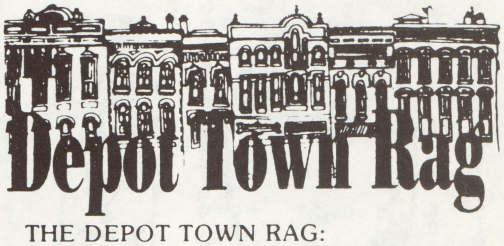
GREAT TRAIN RACE had 185 runners. Ads are still coming in, and bills are still out.

INSURANCE: Mark reported the addition of the Chamber of Commerce brought our August liquor libility costs to $1071.00. Our General Libility cost is $164.00 and adding the City as 'additional insured' is costing us $210.00 more per year.

BEST YET AWARDS to Barb Lohr and Mark Cotter for their exceptional administration of the Heritage beer tent. - and to the Follett House for its shiny, new copper eavestroughs.

THE GOLDEN GOOSE to all who have not yet turned in their reports and percentages to the Festival Committee.

ADJOURNED at 8:45 P.M.



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MEMBERSHIPS:

Associate	$ 10
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PUTTING YPSILANTI ON THE MAP

The Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation's recent publication, "GUIDE TO YPSILANTI'S HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE", proves to tourist and resident alike, that our Historic District is much more than a cluster of Victorian mansions on North Huron Street. Granted, that single block contains one of the most stupendous collections of the period, but the foundation's "GUIDE" shows that a significant built environment exists before and after that period from the Civil War to 1900, as well.

The "GUIDE'S" well organized description of over twenty local building styles is organized with names, dates, photographs, and detailed characteristics so that every house-watcher will want to keep one in the glove compartment when cruising Ypsilanti's neighborhoods. (Better yet, *walk* these neighborhoods, and you'll apprerciate them even more !)

The Ypsilanti Historic District's more-than-eight hundred properties, surprisingly, do not contain all of the noted examples. Many of the "GUIDE'S" designated building are found as far west as Cambridge Street and nearly half are in the west side between Hamilton and Wallace Boulevard. The deliniation of the Highland (Cemetery) Historic District and the EMU Historic District are clearly outlined on the map, as are the boundaries of the Ypsilanti Historic District which encompasses approximately one quarter of the city, from Hamilton to Prospect including Frog Island Park, Riverside park and a five-block section south of Michigan Avenue.

Two buildings in Depot Town are shown to be clearly defined examples of a period – Aubree's Saloon (Italianate) and The Newel Block which houses Ike's Barbershop and Miller's Ice Cream Parlor (Gothic Revival). Most of our others are hybrids or have been altered so drastically that they need the restoration of cornices and trim to again be seen as good examples of their original styles.

Examples in the "GUIDE" encompass the Federal Style from 1760 to the Art Deco Style of the 1940's. They include private, public, residential and commericial properties.

This handy building-spotter can be cross-referenced in many ways – by the map, from the legend of listed styles, by address and, in many cases, by the name of the building. The descriptions will help lovers of American architecture to identify styles and periods in other parts of the country, too. Also, note the handy little bar-graph of styles and years. It's worthy of patenting !

This impressive and useful tool was edited, researched and composed by Historic District chairman Jane Bird. Architect Denis Schmiedeke designed, photographed and researched the piece and DTA treasurer-architect-cartographer Eric Ward advised on technical aspects and helped to design the all-inclusive map.

The "GUIDE TO YPSILANTI HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE" is an excellent pocket-size reference in a folding road-map format and was first offered to the public at the August Heritage Festival. It is now available at the Art Attack in University Village and at River Art Works in Depot Town at **A DOLLAR AND A HALF A COPY. (THE FESTIVAL PRICE WAS THREE DOLLARS!)** No real Ypsilantian should be without one!

WESTWORKS ORIENTED IN BRICK

"WESTWORKS" was the term for the facade of medieval cathedrals, orienting the front doors to Jerusalem. "Orienting" had to do with finding "the east", not the north, as with today's compasses.

The Follett House "westworks" faces Eastern Michigan University and has long been seen as the most logical place to tout whatever was going on in Depot Town. The signage of Mayflower Storage, Bull Durham Tobacco, and a shirt laundry can still be made out on the old bricks, but today's bright blue and white awnings on the windows of Paponetti's Pasta are the most obvious signs of activity in that historic building.

A sidewalk of reclaimed bricks from the paving of East Cross Street has appeared in that space, and anyone who has ever labored to put in a paved patio will appreciate the skills necessary for this undertaking.

Brick paving brings back a welcome texture to this old district. Note the brick crosswalk in the center of the block, the entrance to Aubree's lot, around the Market Place triangle and the texture in front of Vintage Passion. There are still some bricks in the D.P.W. yard, if you can think of a creative way to use them in Depot Town.

MERTZ AT "GROUND ZERO"

Van Mertz, popular folk singer, Food Co-opper and active Recycler has been conspicuously absent from Depot Town this last summer season. After helping to remodel the interior of Jim MacDonald's Antiques last spring, Van was called to the nation's capitol to supervise the construction for the Summer Folk Festival at the Smithsonian institutions. Van was director of construction unions for the event in Washington, D.C. all summer long and will soon return to his Depot Town projects. Welcome back, expert.

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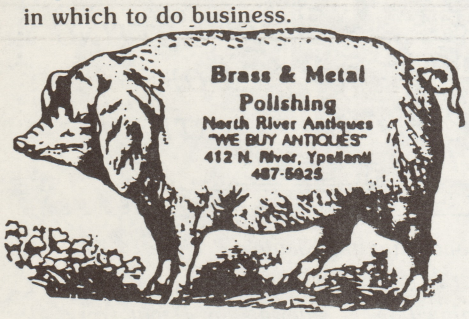
AMERICAN VINTAGE RECOVERY

is the expert refinishing service found in the rear of North River Antiques at 412 North River Street. Owned and operated by Jeff Lorenzen, AVR is expert at polishing and finishing such antique items as brass hardware, lamps and sculptures. Lorenzen and David Carrithers opened North River Antiques nearly two years ago, now have diversified and find the Depot Town "antique row" a bustling spot in which to do business.



THE YPSI FOOD CO-OP Seniors Program continues on October 15 with "More Than Just Oatmeal" - the benefits of a high fibre diet. As always, samples and handouts will be available. The September topic, "Open Your Heart To A Vegetarian Diet (No Cholesteral, Lo Fat)" brought out a good many seniors. Their questions and comments reminded us about how important, but little understood is the field of nutrition. Countless doctors have counselled these folks that they can modify their diet all they want, but "really dear, it won't do any good!" We just plain disagree and are anxious to help people hear about foods that can improve health. It's what we are all about!

October 5th, at the Farmers' Market, the Co-op will join the Fall Festival with a sampling of bread and biscuits – whole grain breads made the old fashioned way. Come and join us.

If you are curious about the foods you eat
– their political impact, nutritive value or– –? Come and talk with us, at the Ypsi Food Co-op.

Eggs Milk Grains Produce Nuts Dried Fruits
Pasta Breads Juices Goats Milk Tempeh
Herbs Canned Goods Teas Spices
Yogurt Tofu Beans

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312 N. River 483-1520
Sun. 12 - 4 Mon. - Fri. 10 - 7 Sat. 9 - 6

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DOWN IN DEPOT TOWN

PAPONETTI'S PASTA opened just before Heritage Festival and has proven to be a popular lunch and dinner spot for those seeking authentic Italian cooking. Although not primarily an eat-in restaurant, customers are familiarizing themselves with the Italian menu for take-out orders this winter.

Today's Depot Town offers a wide variety of food fare -

- Old Town Restaurant
- Aubree's Saloon
- Sidetrack
- Pronto Pizza
- Paponetti's Pasta
- for breakfast, lunch time, and dinner

time traffic all through the week, all year long.

Add the food resources of T.H.E. Market, the Ypsilanti Farmers' Market and the Ypsi Food Co-op and you'll find a quality food center returning to the Ypsilanti area.

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The Ypsilanti Food Co-op presents "Cooking Encounters" Saturday, October 12 from 10 A.M. until 2 P.M. at the co-op. This month features Italian cuisine. The Ypsilanti Food Co-op is located at 312 N. River in Depot Town. For more information, please call the co-op at 483-1520.

Did you know that:

- The United States leads the world in the total volume and per capita of ice cream and related products?
- Australia is second largest user of ice cream with Canada in third place?
- Only 3% of ice cream produced in the United States and 75% of ice milk is in the form of soft serve.
- In 1982 the American ice cream industry produced enough ice cream and related products (53 billion scoops) to serve every person on this planet 12 cones each.

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To the editor

The following is a song we wrote while talking about the decrepit state of the depot at a recent moon squalor. While there are names mentioned in the song, our intent was humor, not malice. We hope this song will generate concern and aid in the effort to prevent the "raising" of the depot.

Sincerely, Richard Slate & Robert L. Fox

DEPOT DOWN

When I was a young boy my family would travel
On the Michigan Central to old Depot Town
It was the first stop we made between Detroit & Chicago
Filled with anticipation as the whistle would sound

CHORUS: Daddy won't you take me back to old Ypsilanti
Down by the railyard where the old depot's found?
I'm sorry my son, but you're too late in askin'
Old Mayor Murdock let it burn to the ground.

We'd go to the freight house to check out our baggage
While my daddy drank beer at the Alibi Bar
My brother and me played a game on the corner
Who'd be the first one to see my Aunt's Cadillac car.

CHORUS:

The last time we stopped in Washtenaw County
The buildings were crumbling and the depot closed down
The hard times had finally hit old Ypsilanti
My Auntie had died just like old Depot Town

CHORUS:

The last thing I heard abut old Ypsilanti
A small group of people had turned it around
But try as they may to save the old depot
A drunk and his bottle made it burn to the ground.